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Claims 1-11 remain in the application.

This is subsequent to a telephone conversation with the Examiner on October 1, 2004. Following the discussion with the Examiner, the Applicants herein amend claims 1 and 5 to emphasize that the steps described in these method claims are repeated for each level calculation of the given chemical. Accordingly, a calibration colorimetry reading is always taken prior to a test colorimetry reading. In contrast, the Tang reference describes an initial calibration, upon which subsequent level calculations are based.

Therefore, with this amendment, the Applicants argue that claims 1 and 5 as currently amended patentably distinguish over the Tang reference, whether taken individually or combined with the other cited references.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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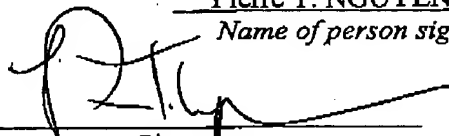
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